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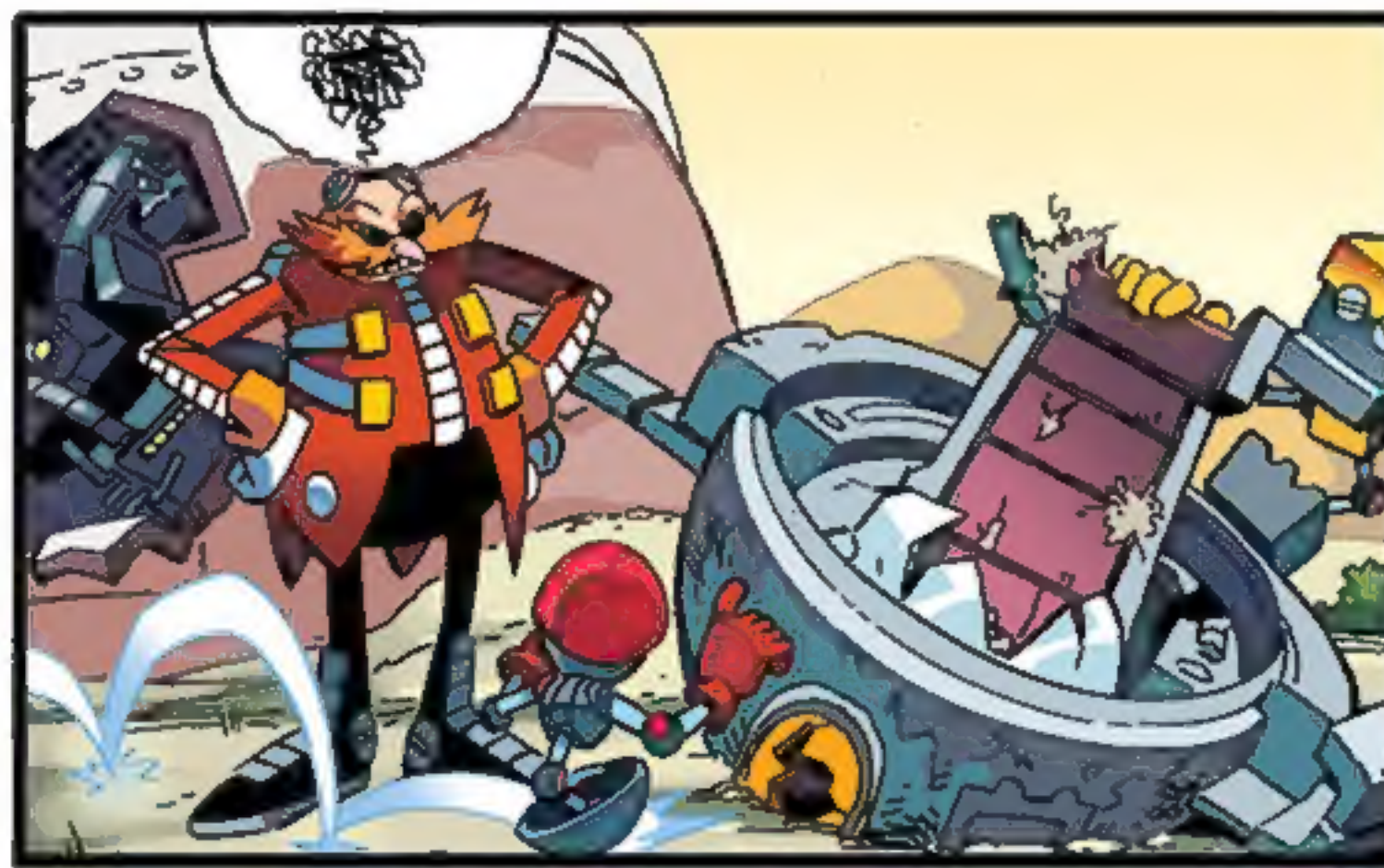
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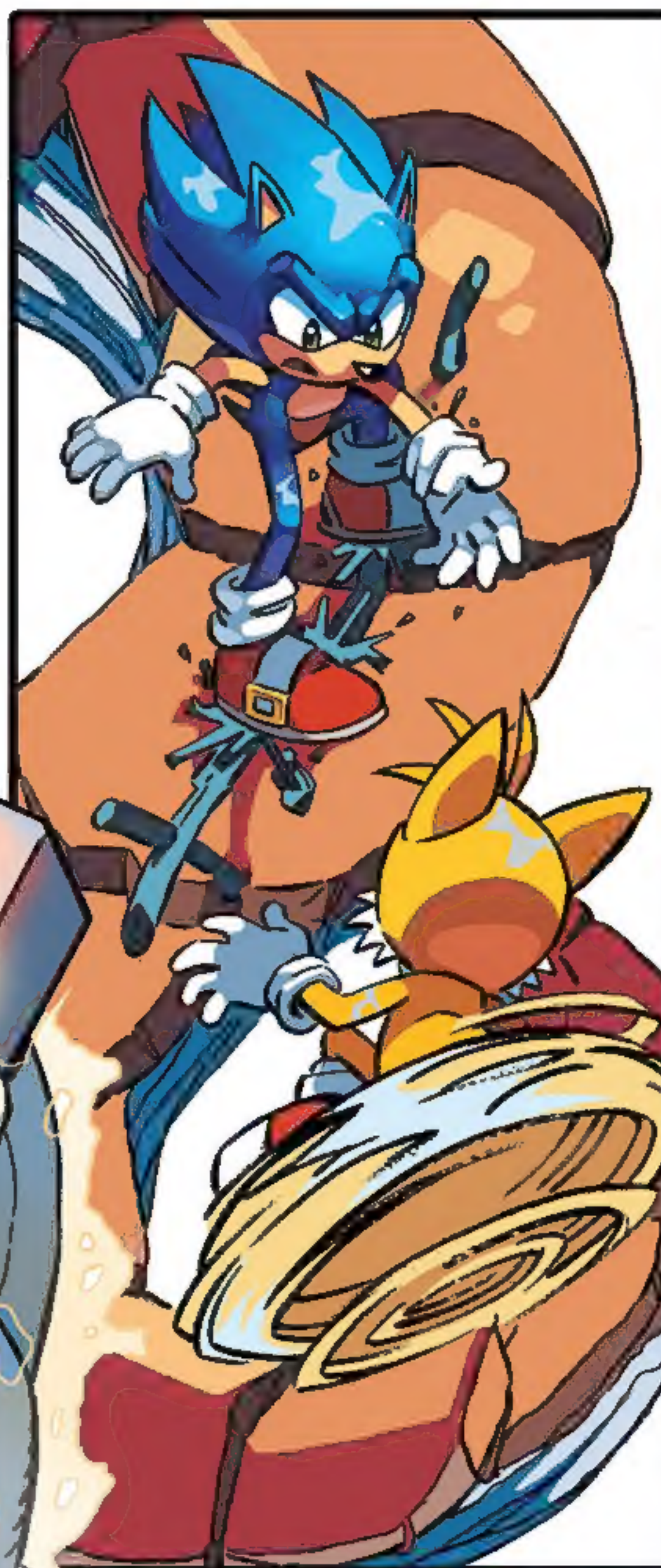
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After foiling Dr. Eggman's plans, both Sonic and Eggman woke up back in their home world, but with new memories – and a new past, altered by the reality-warping Genesis Wave!

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Now it's up to Sonic and Tails to put the team back together, restore Nicole, and find out just what happened to their world...



## WHO'S WHO



**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**  
FASTEST THING ALIVE



**MILES "TAILS" PROWER**  
SONIC'S BEST BUD



**DR. EGGMAN**  
SONIC'S MAD SCIENTIST NEMESIS



???

# COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS

## PART ONE: THE BUILDER

MYSTIC RUINS  
JUNGLE...

OUTTA THE  
WAY, JUNGLE!  
HEDGEHOG  
COMIN'  
THROUGH!

TAILS  
GENIUS  
FLYER

YEAH!  
YOU SHOW  
THOSE LEAVES  
WHO'S  
BOSS!

SONIC  
TRUE BLUE  
HERO

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SAYS THE FOX  
WITH THE WEED-  
WHACKER TAILS...

... ANY LUCK  
FINDING  
ROTOR?

FREE!  
FREE!

I'VE GOT A REALLY WEAK  
SIGNAL NARROWED DOWN  
TO A FEW HUNDRED  
METERS, BUT THAT'S IT. IF  
THE KING HADN'T GIVEN US  
THOSE COORDINATES,  
THERE'D HAVE BEEN NO  
WAY TO KNOW WHERE TO  
LOOK.\*

\*SEE LAST ISSUE!

AND ROTOR'S THE  
**ONE** FREEDOM  
FIGHTER WE'VE GOT  
ANY LEAD ON. HOPE-  
FULLY, HE'S GOT A  
CLUE WHERE EVERY-  
ONE ELSE IS.

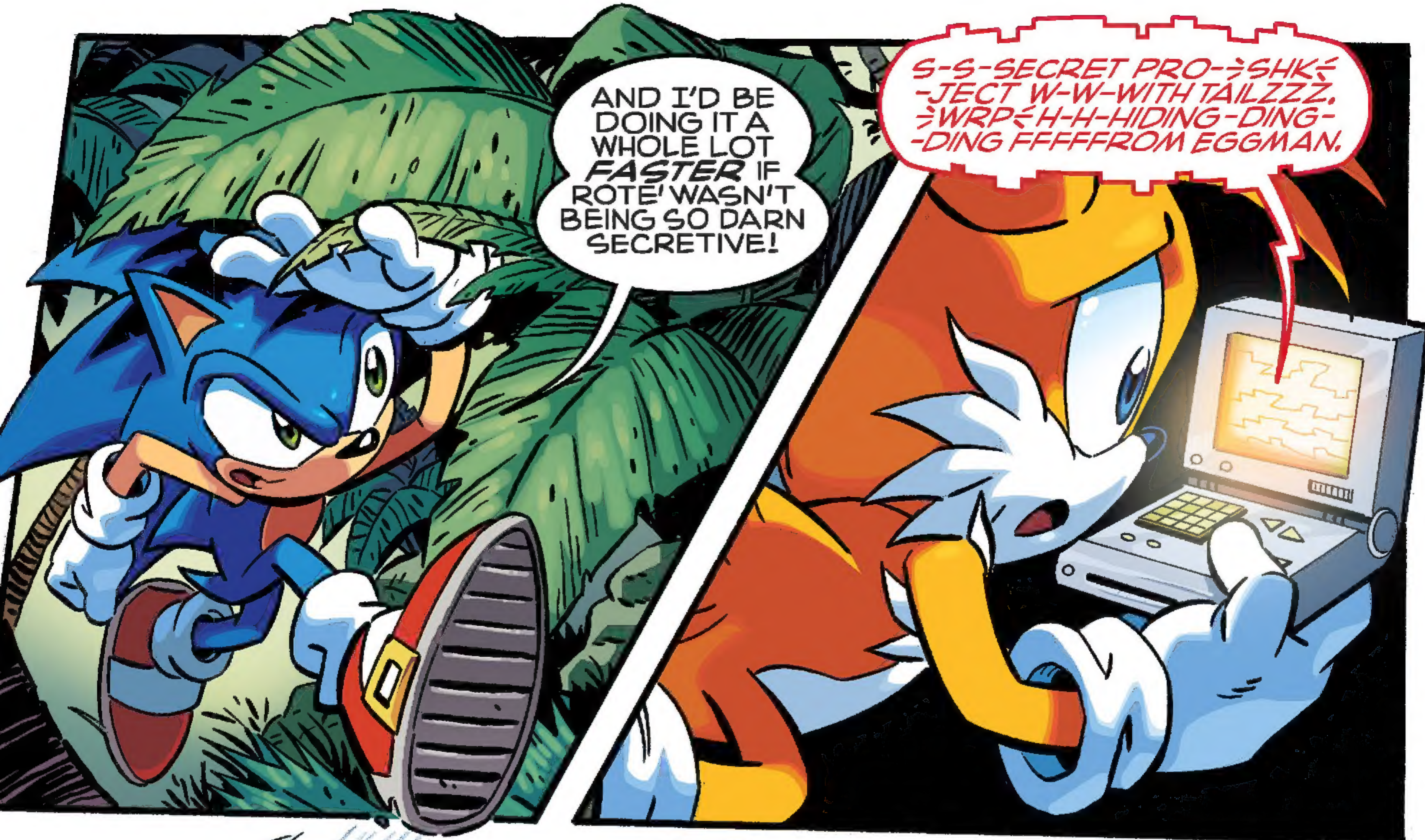
AND ONCE WE FIND  
THEM, THEY'LL PROVE  
OR DISPROVE MY  
THEORY ABOUT THEM  
BEING KEY TO RESTOR-  
ING NICOLE.

SPEAKIN'  
OF--HOW YOU  
DOIN', GIRL?

S-S-STILL ~~XKXK~~  
BUG-G-G-GY.

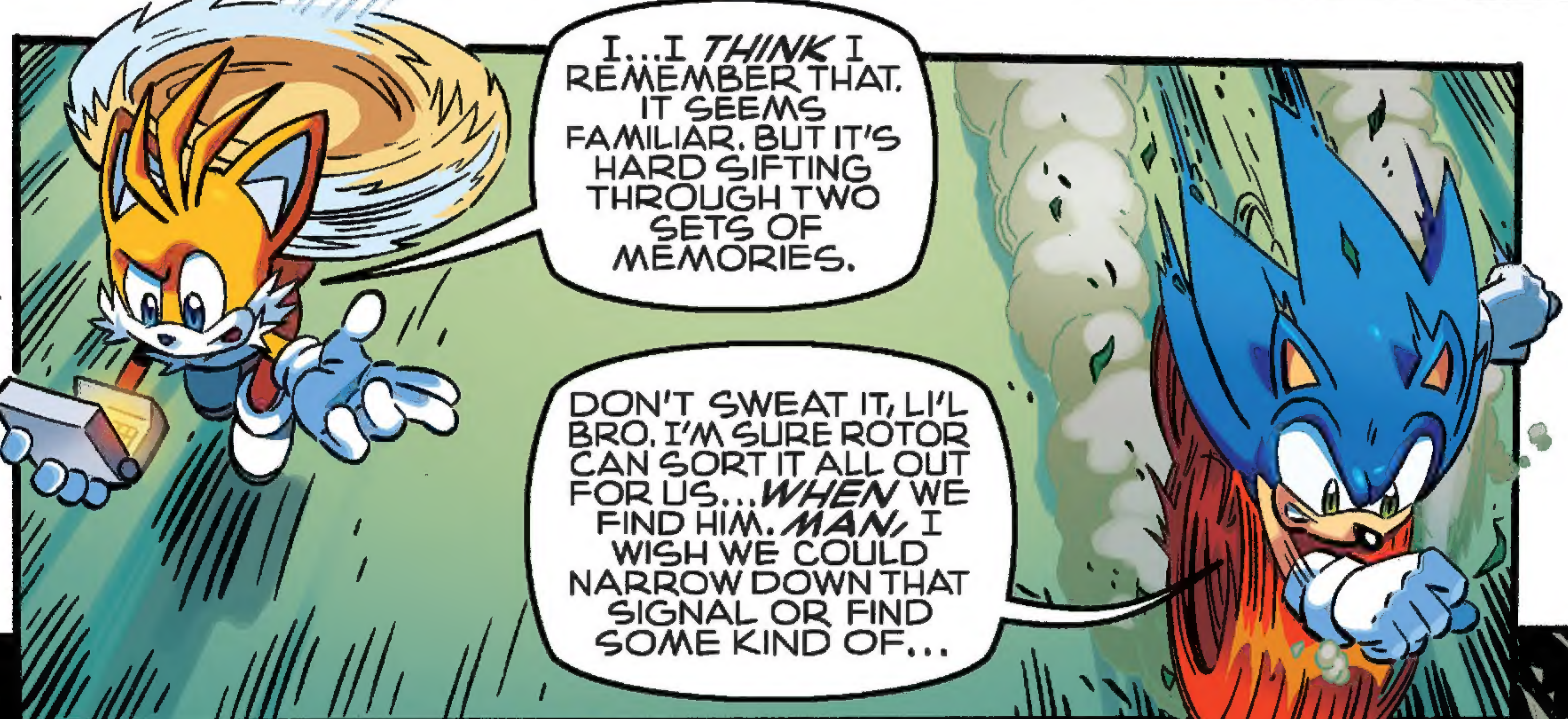
HANG IN  
THERE. WE'LL  
MAKE THIS  
RIGHT.

NICOLE  
SUPER ADVANCED A.I.  
(NOT DOING SO HOT  
RIGHT NOW)



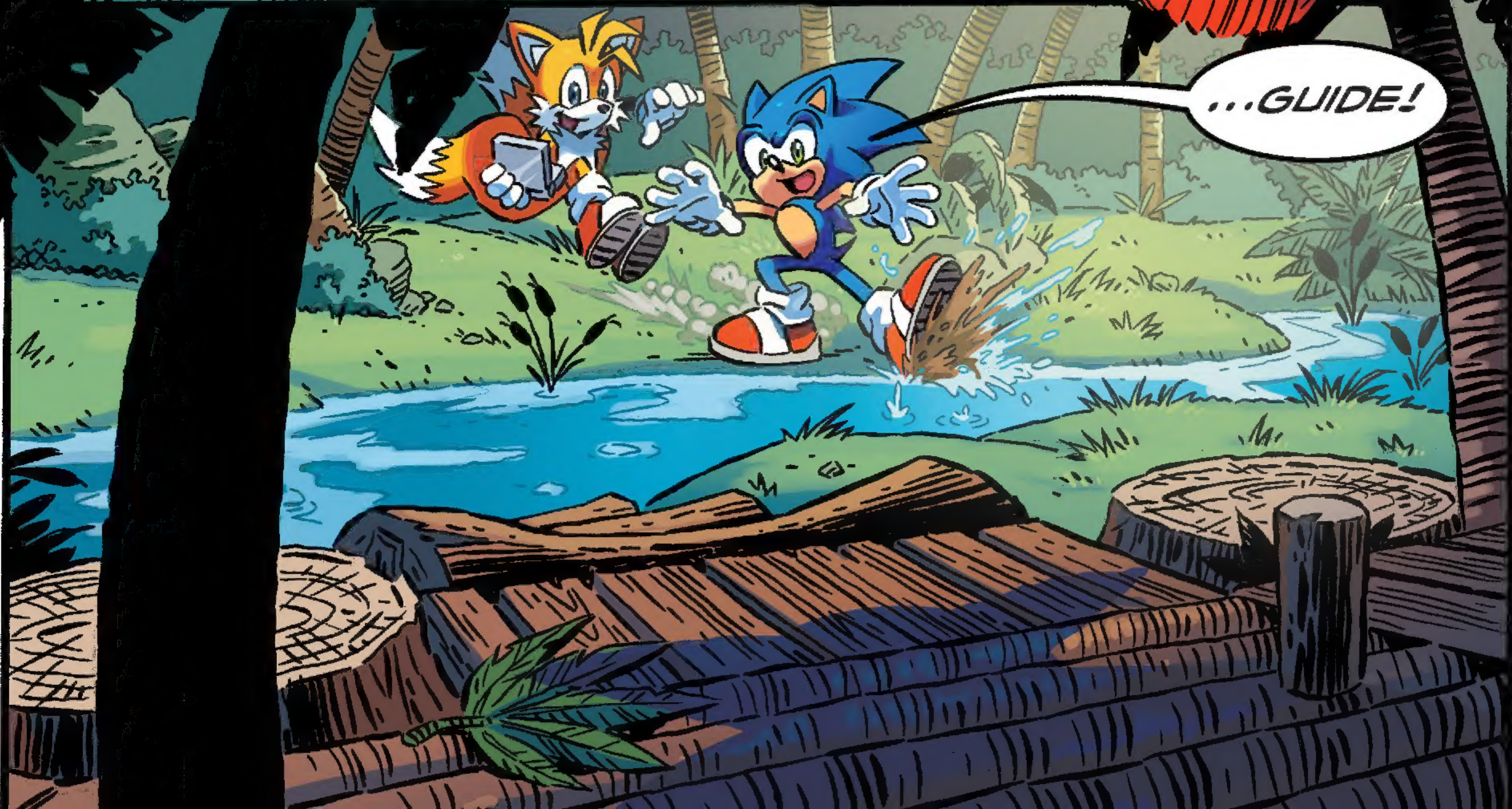
AND I'D BE DOING IT A WHOLE LOT **FASTER** IF ROTE' WASN'T BEING SO DARN SECRETIVE!

S-S-SECRET PRO-→SHK←  
-JECT W-W-WITH TAILZZZ,  
→WRP←H-H-HIDING-DING-  
-DING FFFFFROM EGGMAN.



I...I *THINK* I REMEMBER THAT. IT SEEMS FAMILIAR, BUT IT'S HARD SIFTING THROUGH TWO SETS OF MEMORIES.

DON'T SWEAT IT, LI'L BRO. I'M SURE ROTOR CAN SORT IT ALL OUT FOR US...*WHEN* WE FIND HIM. *MAN*, I WISH WE COULD NARROW DOWN THAT SIGNAL OR FIND SOME KIND OF...



...GUIDE!

EFRIKA PLAINS...

O!! I'VE JUST ABOUT HAD IT, PUSHIN' THIS THING, DON'TCHA KNOW?

INDEED, MY SERVOS ARE CREAKING.

WELL, I'M TIRED, HUNGRY, THIRSTY, AND HAD TO CAMP OUT IN THE WILDERNESS, SO THE TWO OF YOU CAN GET OVER IT!

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. DON'T HAFTA BE SO MEAN ABOUT IT...

IF ONLY WE HAD A GENIUS MECHANIC WITH US, HE COULD DO SUCH THINGS AS FIX THE EGG MOBILE SO WE COULD GO HOME AND...

CUBOT HAS A BUGGY VOICE CHIP. HE TRIES...

ORBOT SASSY SUBORDINATE

DOCTOR EGGMAN MAD GENIUS

FIX IT WITH WHAT, YOU PASSIVE-AGGRESSIVE BOCCIE BALL?!

RRRUMBLE...

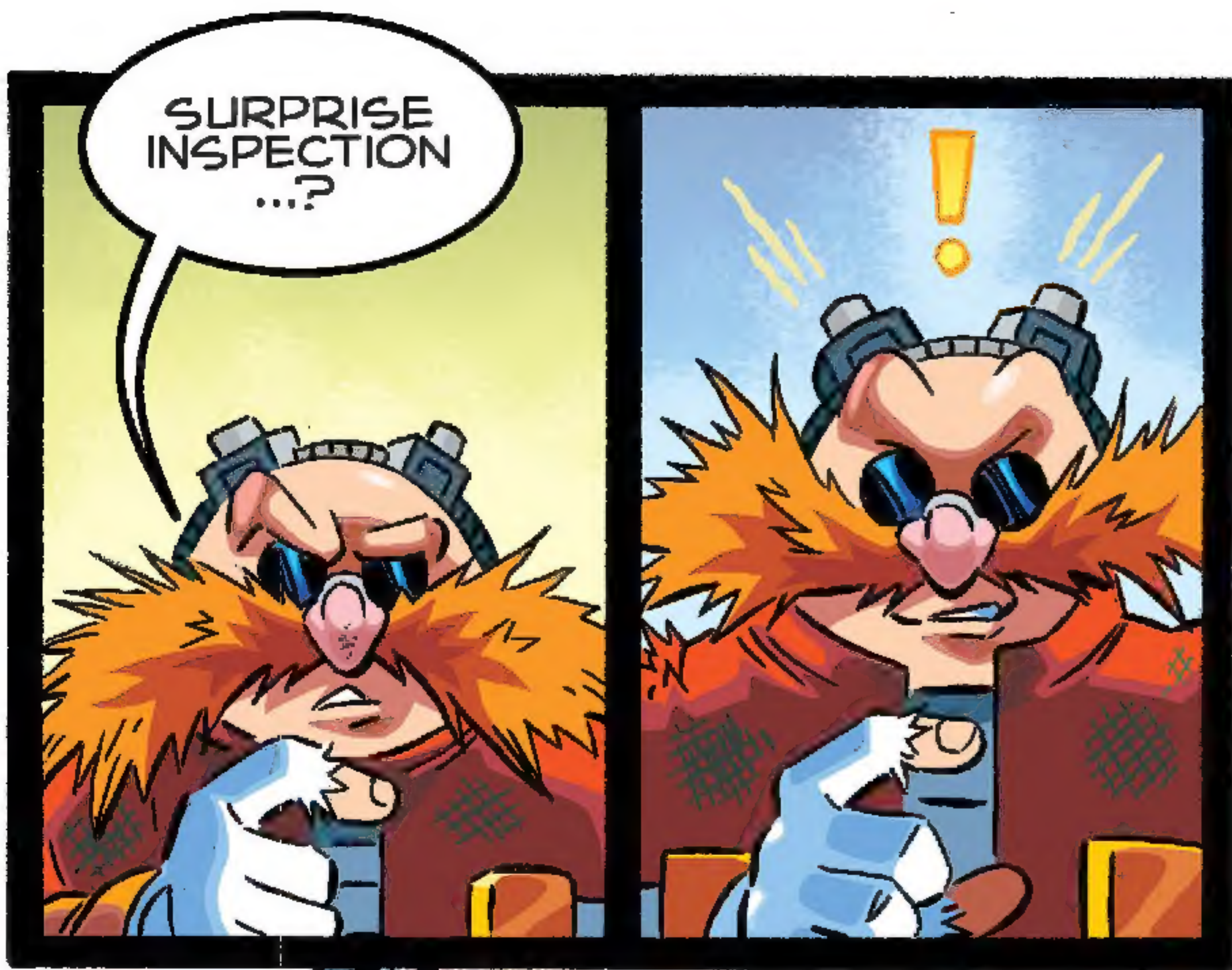
RRRUMBLE!!!

I HAVE NO TOOLS! NO FUEL CELLS! NO MACHINE SHOP TO WORK IN! NO IDEA WHERE WE ARE! IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE HIDING ALL THAT IN THAT BIG MOUTH OF YOURS--PLEASE!--DO SHARE!

RRRUMBLE...

AND WHAT IN BLAZES IS THAT RACKET?!





SURPRISE INSPECTION ...?

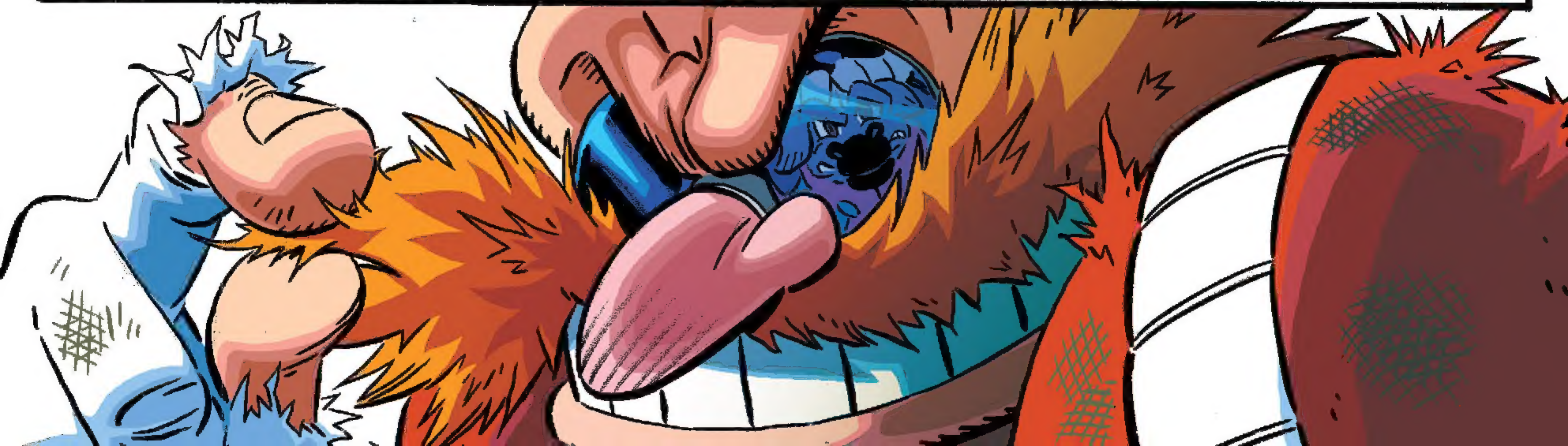
OF COURSE THIS IS AN INSPECTION! YOU DIDN'T LET ME SNEAK UP ON YOU, WHICH IS GOOD, BUT YOUR RESPONSE TIME IS LACKING. NAME, RANK--YOU KNOW THE DRILL!

SNORT AXEL THE WATER BUFFALO, EGG BOSS TO THE EFRIKA EGG ARMY UNIT. SIR.



"EGG ARMY!" OOH-HOO-HOO!

YOU ...UH... NEED ANYTHING ELSE?







WHOA-HO-HO!  
I'VE GOT  
TO GET ME  
ONE OF  
THESE!

PARDON  
ME, BOSS, BUT I  
DON'T RECALL YOUR  
FORCES BEING CALLED  
THE "EGG ARMY," AND  
THAT AXEL FELLOW  
CERTAINLY WASN'T  
ONE OF YOUR SUB-  
ORDINATES.

I KNOW. I HAD  
MY SUSPICIONS  
WHEN WE LANDED  
IN THE MIDDLE OF  
NOWHERE, BUT  
NOW...

I MAY HAVE BEEN...  
HASTY IN DISRUPTING  
SONIC'S CHAOS  
CONTROL. \* I'LL NEED  
TO PERFORM FURTHER  
RESEARCH, BUT IT  
APPEARS THE WORLD'S  
REALITY WAS ALTERED  
TO SOME DEGREE.

\*WORLDS COLLIDE  
PART 12--5TH #251!

YEAH, BUT  
...TO WHAT  
DEGREE?

WHO CARES? I'VE  
GOT AN EGG ARMY  
WITH EGG BOSSES!  
MY CONCERNS ARE  
DINNER, FIXING THE EGG  
MOBILE, AND GETTING  
BACK TO THE DEATH EGG  
--IN THAT ORDER.

"AND THEN IT'S RIGHT BACK TO MAKING SONIC MISERABLE!"

BIG!  
WHAT ARE YOU DOIN'  
HERE,  
BUDDY?

FISHIN'.



BIG  
THE CAT  
LAID-BACK  
TITAN

FROGGY  
BIG'S BEST  
BUDDY

I CAN SEE THAT, BUT  
WHAT HAPPENED TO  
TEAM FREEDOM?  
WEREN'T YOU STILL  
IN THE CITY WHEN  
WE LEFT?

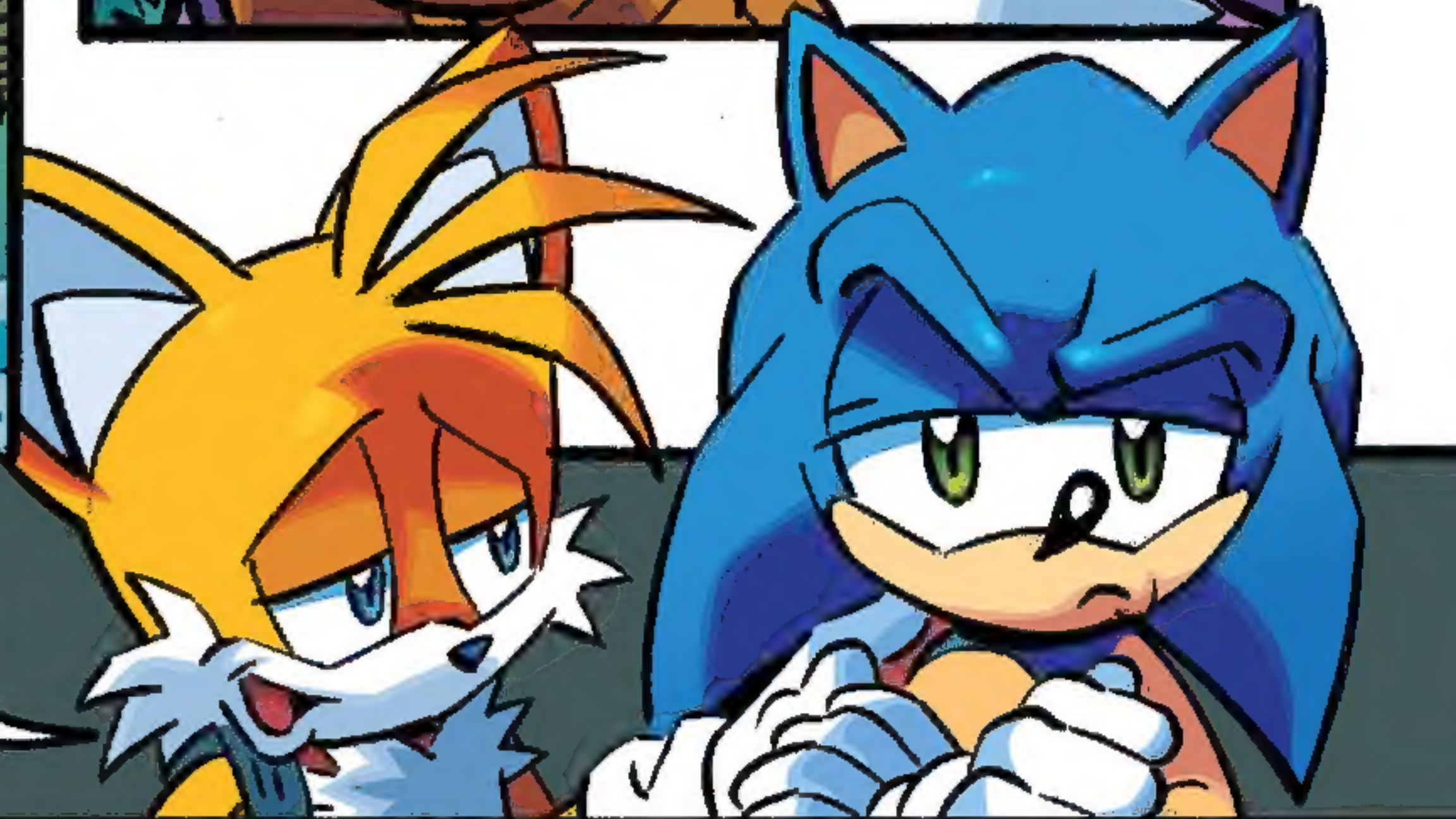
NOPE,

BUT... WELL,  
THEN, WHAT  
HAVE YOU  
BEEN DOING  
ALL THIS  
TIME?

FISHIN'.



LET  
ME  
TRY.



HEY, DO YOU KNOW  
ABOUT THAT PROJECT  
ROTOR AND I WERE  
WORKING ON?

YEAH,  
IT'S BIG.  
LIKE  
ME!

HAHA--  
I BET!  
WE GOT  
LOST. CAN  
YOU SHOW  
US THE  
WAY?

SURE.



GOLF  
CLAP!

THIS  
WAY!



SOON...

DUDE, I NEVER GET TIRED OF THIS VIEW, EVEN IF THE FINAL EGG'S TOWER IS STICKIN' OUT AND BEING AN EYE-SORE.

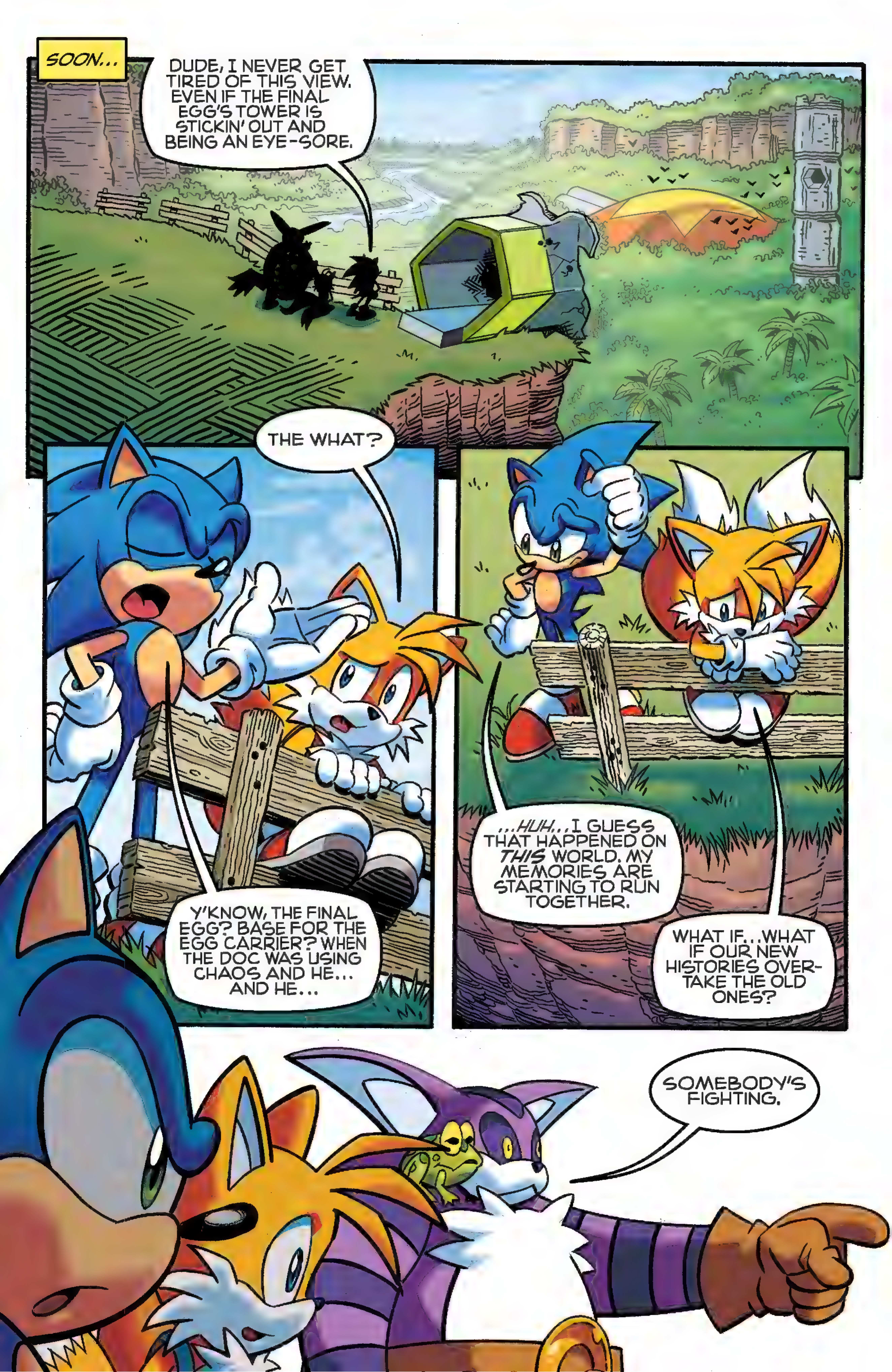
THE WHAT?

Y'KNOW, THE FINAL EGG? BASE FOR THE EGG CARRIER? WHEN THE DOC WAS USING CHAOS AND HE... AND HE...

...HUH... I GUESS THAT HAPPENED ON *THIS* WORLD. MY MEMORIES ARE STARTING TO RUN TOGETHER.

WHAT IF... WHAT IF OUR NEW HISTORIES OVERTAKE THE OLD ONES?

SOMEBODY'S FIGHTING.





**BOOM!**


**KZZT!**

**CRASH!**

**KLANG!**

IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT?!


**ROTOR THE WALRUS**  
FREEDOM FIGHTER  
BATTLE-MECHANIC



WE'LL WORRY ABOUT REALITY, MEMORIES, AND AND ALL THAT JUNK LATER. RIGHT NOW, IT'S HERO TIME.



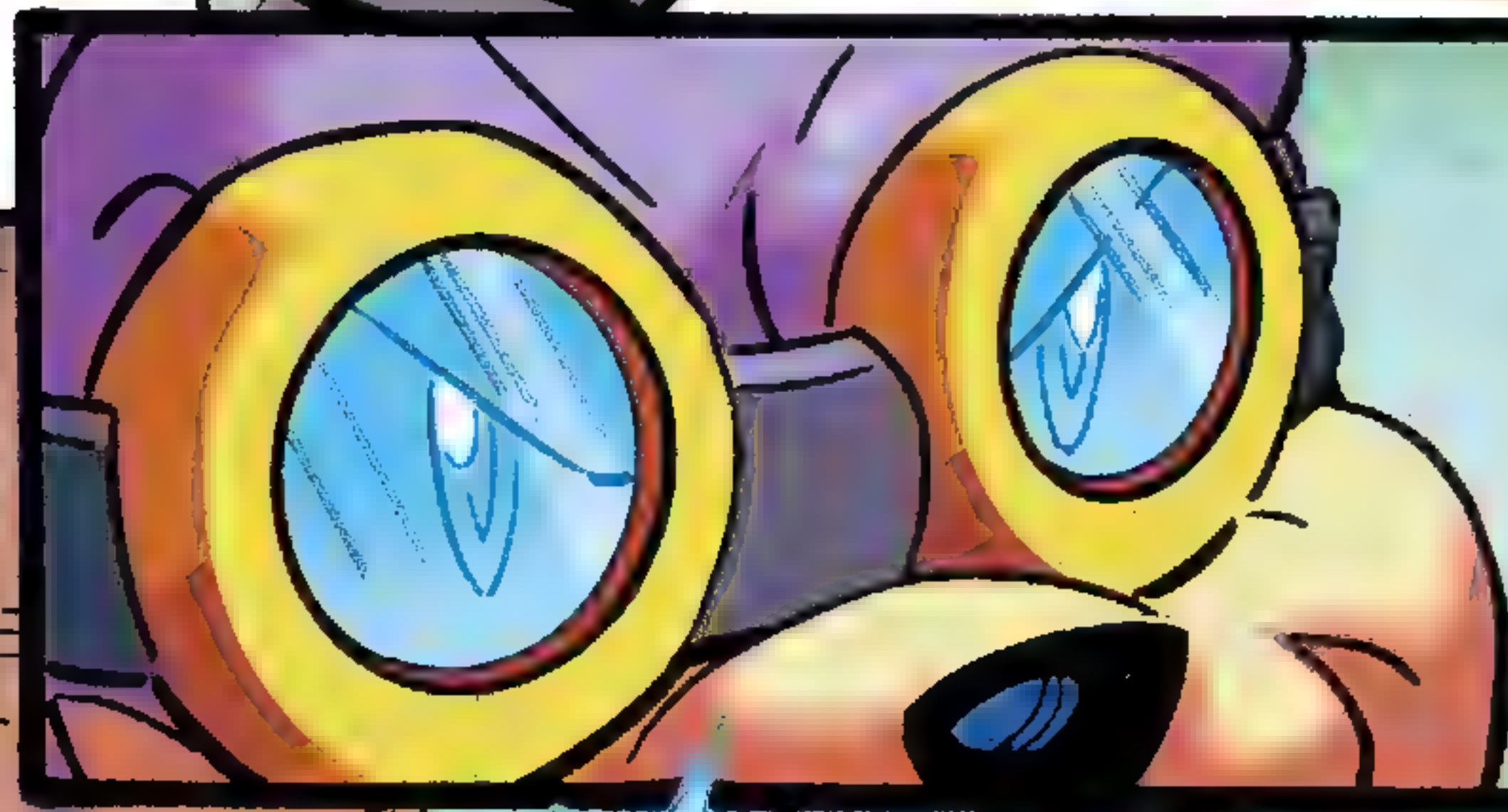
RIGHT! ROTOR, DO YOU COPY? IT'S TAILS! I'VE GOT SONIC, NICOLE, AND BIG WITH ME, AND WE'RE ON OUR WAY.



PERFECT TIMING, AS USUAL, GUYS! I GOT SPOTTED BY THIS BADNIK PATROL JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO IMPLEMENT THE AUTO-TARGETING DEFENSES.



SO I'VE HAD TO APPLY MY PERSONAL TOUCH!



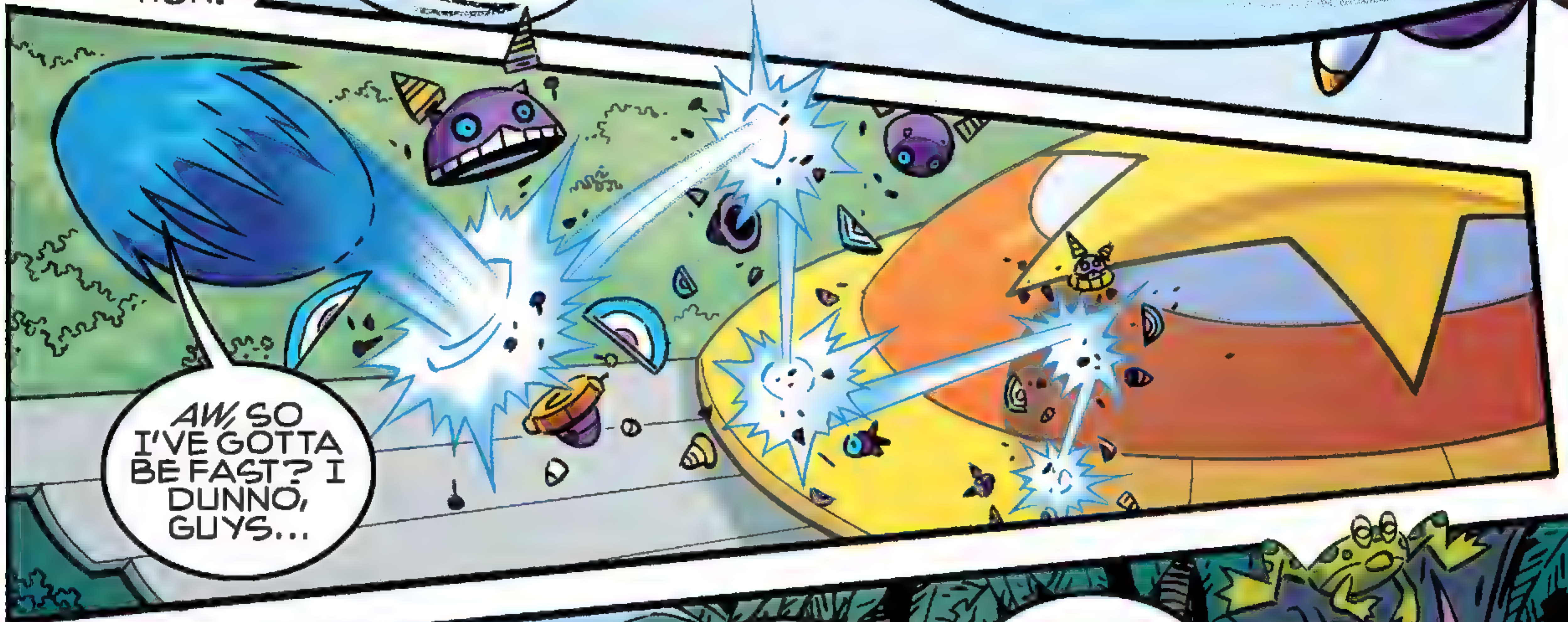
I'VE MANAGED TO KEEP THEIR ATTENTION UP TILL NOW, BUT WE'VE GOT TO END THIS FIGHT BEFORE ONE OF THEIR *HORDE COMMANDERS* SHOWS UP.



GOTCHA COVERED!



HURRY!  
BEFORE  
THEY TRANS-  
MIT OUR  
LOCA-  
TION!



AW, SO  
I'VE GOTTA  
BE FAST? I  
DUNNO,  
GUYS...



WHOA

WHOA

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WHOA



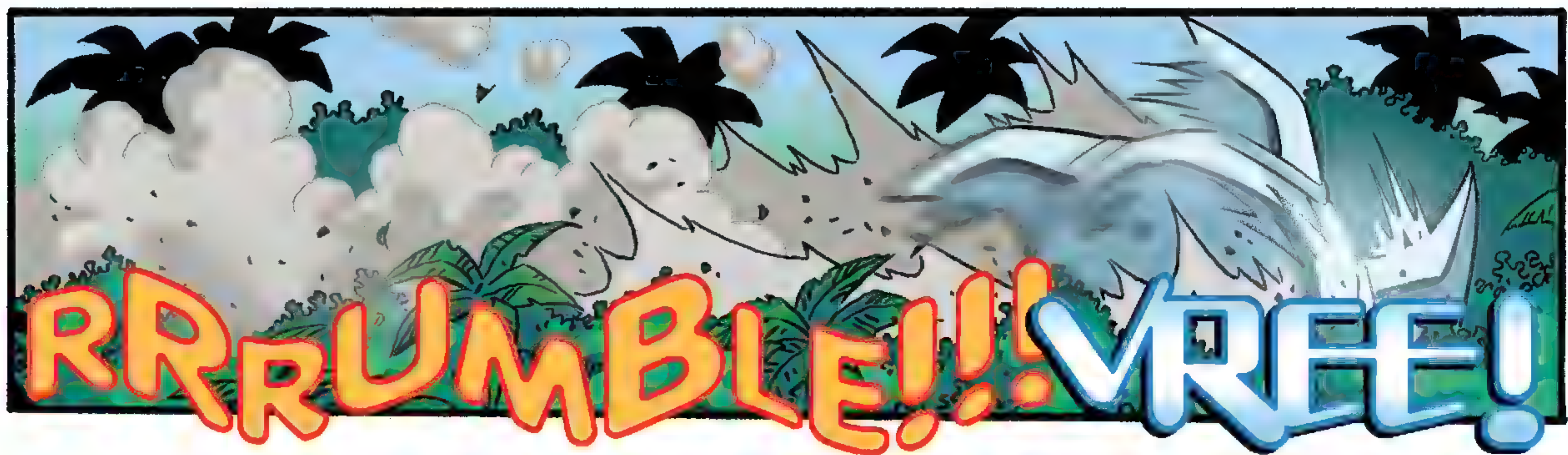
ALMOST  
DONE, BOYS!  
I THINK WE  
DID IT! THERE'S  
NO SIGN OF...

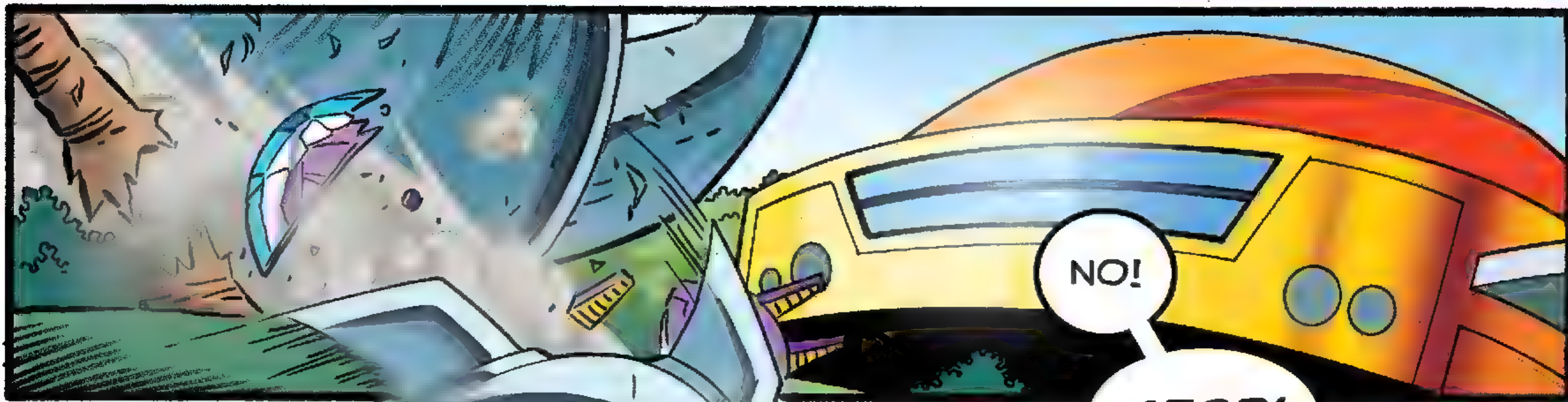


...OH,  
ME AND  
MY BIG  
MOUTH...

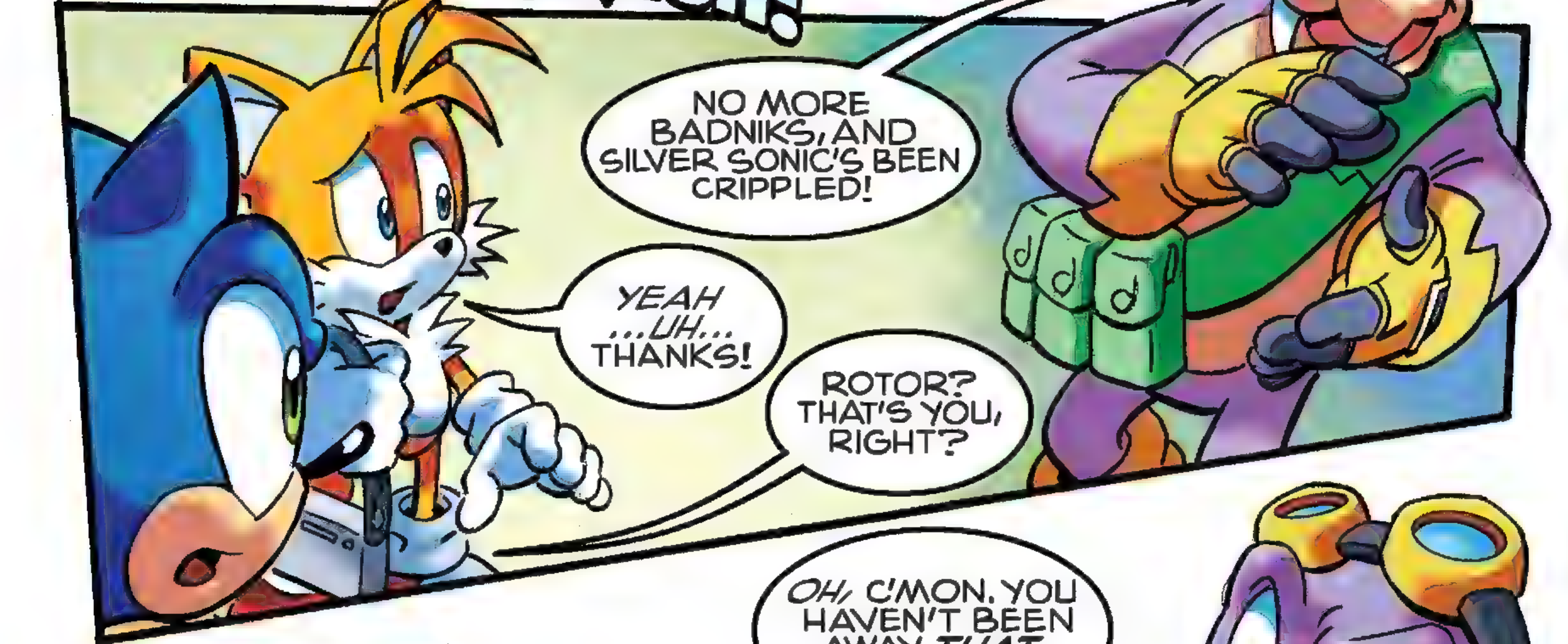


SILVER SONIC  
EGGMAN'S BADNIK  
HORDE COMMANDER









NO MORE BADNIKS, AND SILVER SONIC'S BEEN CRIPPLED!

YEAH ...UH... THANKS!

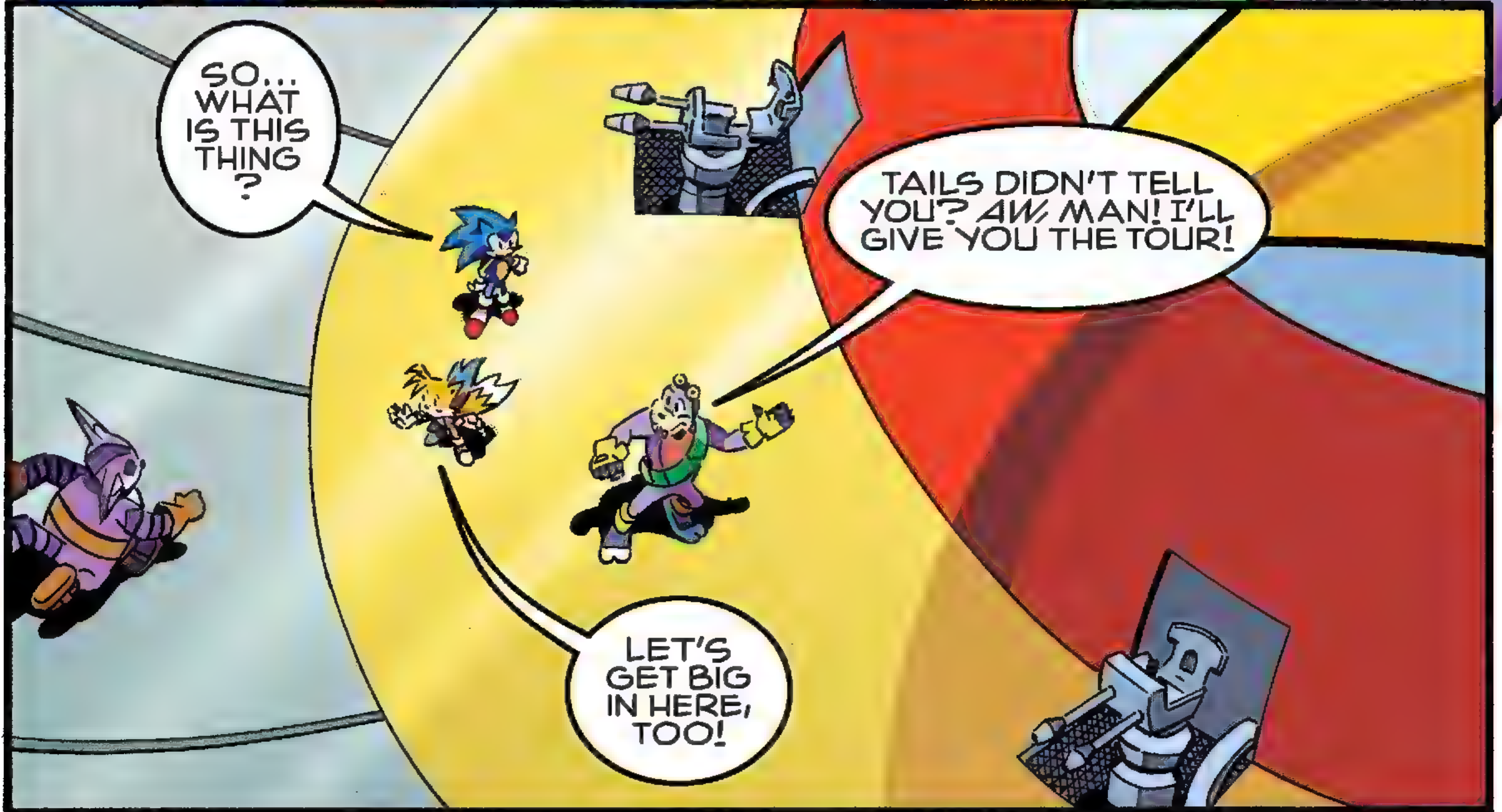
ROTOR? THAT'S YOU, RIGHT?



OH, C'MON, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN AWAY *THAT* LONG!

NO, I MEAN...YOU LOOK GOOD, MAN!

HA, OKAY? YOU TOO.



SO... WHAT IS THIS THING?

TAILS DIDN'T TELL YOU? AW, MAN! I'LL GIVE YOU THE TOUR!

LET'S GET BIG IN HERE, TOO!

WELCOME TO THE BRIDGE OF THE  
**SKY PATROL!**

I'M YOUR CAPTAIN, AND I'LL  
WELCOME YOU TO THE MAIDEN  
FLIGHT...ONCE BUNNIE'S AND  
SALLY'S MISSIONS ARE DONE.

T-PUP!  
YOU'RE  
HERE,  
TOO!

SO--WOW!  
"SKY PATROL?!"

WHAT? YOU DON'T  
LIKE THE NAME NOW?  
MAN, YOU *INSISTED*  
ON IT. ANYWAY, GUYS,  
TAILS AND I DESIGNED  
THIS BEAUTY TO  
FINALLY HAVE AN  
ANSWER TO THE DEATH  
EGG AND FLYING  
FLEETS THE DOCTOR  
KEEPS THROWING AT US.

LOOK, ROTE,  
IT'S...IT'LL BE  
EASIER IF YOU  
TAKE NICOLE.  
MORE DIRECT,  
AT LEAST.

WHAT'S GOTTEN  
INTO YOU GUYS?  
I MEAN, SURE,  
I'D LOVE TO  
HAVE NICOLE'S  
HELP IN DEBUG-  
GING THE  
SYSTEMS AND...



EASY THERE, BIG MAN! HOW YOU TAKIN' IT?



THERE... WAS A WHOLE OTHER WORLD...



I... HOW CAN YOU TAKE IT?



ROTOR?

I... I CAN'T! OKAY? I CAN'T PROCESS THIS RIGHT NOW! **WORK!** LET'S FOCUS ON WORK, AND...



HOW'S NICOLE?



MUCH BETTER,  
THANKS VVT. HMM...  
NOT PERFECT... VVT.

THAT PROVES IT TO  
ME. WE NEED TO FIND  
THE OTHER FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS TO GET  
NICOLE BACK TO ONE  
HUNDRED PERCENT.

WE WERE HOPING  
YOU'D HELP US WITH  
THAT SINCE...Y'KNOW...

RIGHT. UM...HOLD ON...  
LET ME...LET ME PULL  
UP OUR MISSION  
FILES...

OKAY, SO...BUNNIE AND  
SALLY ARE IN DEEP COVER  
ON MISSIONS FOR THE  
SKY PATROL. ANTOINE'S  
HELPING UNCLE CHUCK  
JUST OUTSIDE KNOT-  
HOLE. AMY WAS  
SUPPOSED TO BE HERE,  
HELPING GUARD THE  
PLACE, BUT SHE JUST...  
VANISHED.

I THOUGHT  
MAYBE SHE  
WENT CHASING  
AFTER YOU  
AGAIN, BUT...?

NOPE, SO NOW WE'VE  
GOTTA FIND *HER* ON  
TOP OF THINGS. THANK-  
FULLY, I KNOW SHE CAN  
HANDLE HERSELF UNTIL  
WE GET TO HER.

BUT--MAN--CHUCK IS  
OKAY. BUNNIE'S STILL  
WITH US. AND ANTOINE'S  
ON HIS FEET! AND...  
SALLY'S...SALLY'S ON  
A MISSION. SHE'S NOT  
A ROBOT. SHE'S OKAY.

Y-YEAH? LOOK,  
I'LL...I'LL STAY  
HERE AND WRAP  
UP THE SKY  
PATROL AND...  
SORT THINGS  
OUT IN MY HEAD.

I'LL STAY, TOO.  
THERE MIGHT  
BE MORE  
ROBOTS.

GOOD IDEA,  
BIG. WE APPRE-  
CIATE IT.



"YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT EGGMAN WILL TRY NEXT."

EFRIKAN EGG ARMY BASE.

POP QUIZ! WHAT'S THE NEAREST BASE AND EGG BOSS?

UH...THAT'D BE LORD HOOD IN AVALON, RIGHT?

HAHA! IT BETTER BE!

THAT SHOULD DO IT!

YOU'RE GOING TO FLY, IN THAT.

IT SHOULD GET ME AS FAR AS ...UH...

WE'RE FULLY FUELED, AND THE ONBOARD COMPUTER IS SYNCHED WITH THE EGGNET, BOSS. WE'RE READY FOR LAUNCH.

THEN LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD.

TILL WE MEET AGAIN, MY LOYAL EGG SOLDIERS!

WHY DO WE TOLERATE HIM AGAIN, SIR?

BECAUSE WE *HAVE* TO, BESIDES, IF THE RUMORS ARE TRUE, THERE'S NO WAY I'M GETTING ON HIS BAD SIDE.



"IF HE'S REALLY GOTTEN THE ROBOTICIZER TO WORK AGAIN, I DON'T WANT TO BE THE FIRST GUY IN IT."

NOT THAT I WOULD QUESTION YOUR GENIUS, BOSS, BUT WHY NOT STAY THE NIGHT? REST, RECUPERATE... NOT RISK FALLING ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL AND PLUNGING US TO CERTAIN DOOM?

BECAUSE THERE'S NO TIME. WE NEED TO GET BACK TO THE DEATH EGG AND LAUNCH IT SO I CAN FIND A WAY TO FIX THINGS.

WHAT "THINGS" ...?

I HAD A MOMENT TO GET SOME GLOBAL READINGS OFF THE EGGNET, AND ...WELL...

...REMEMBER WHEN I SAID I MIGHT HAVE BEEN HASTY IN STOPPING SONIC FROM FIXING REALITY?

WHAT TERRIBLE FATE HAS DR. EGGMAN FORESEEN FOR THE WORLD? CAN SONIC FIND HIS FRIENDS IN TIME TO STOP IT? COME BACK NEXT TIME AS THE TENSION BREAKS IN OUR "COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS" PART TWO! PLUS ... FIND OUT AMY'S FATE STARTING IN SONIC UNIVERSE #55--"PIRATE PLUNDER PANIC"-- ON SALE NOW!



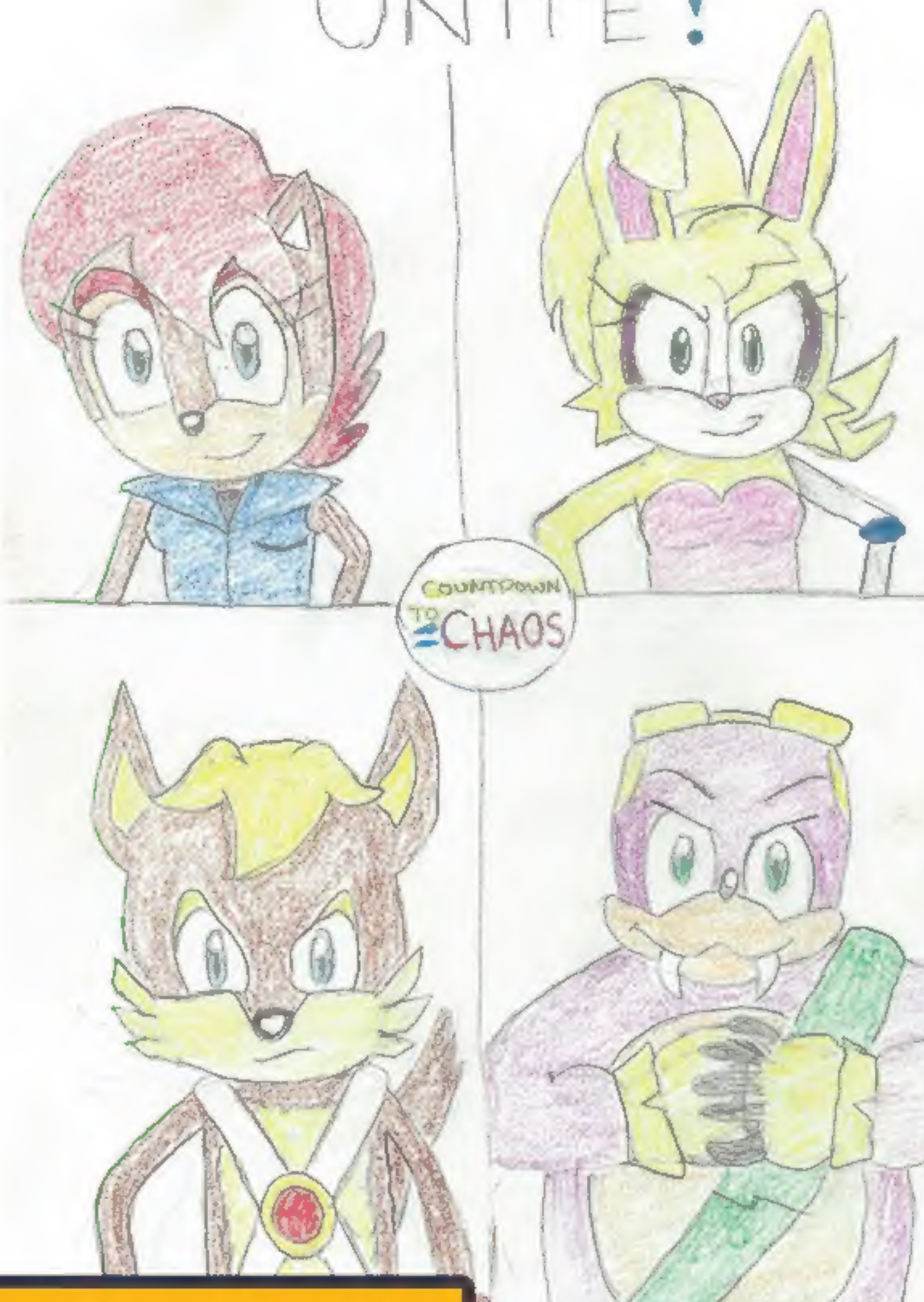
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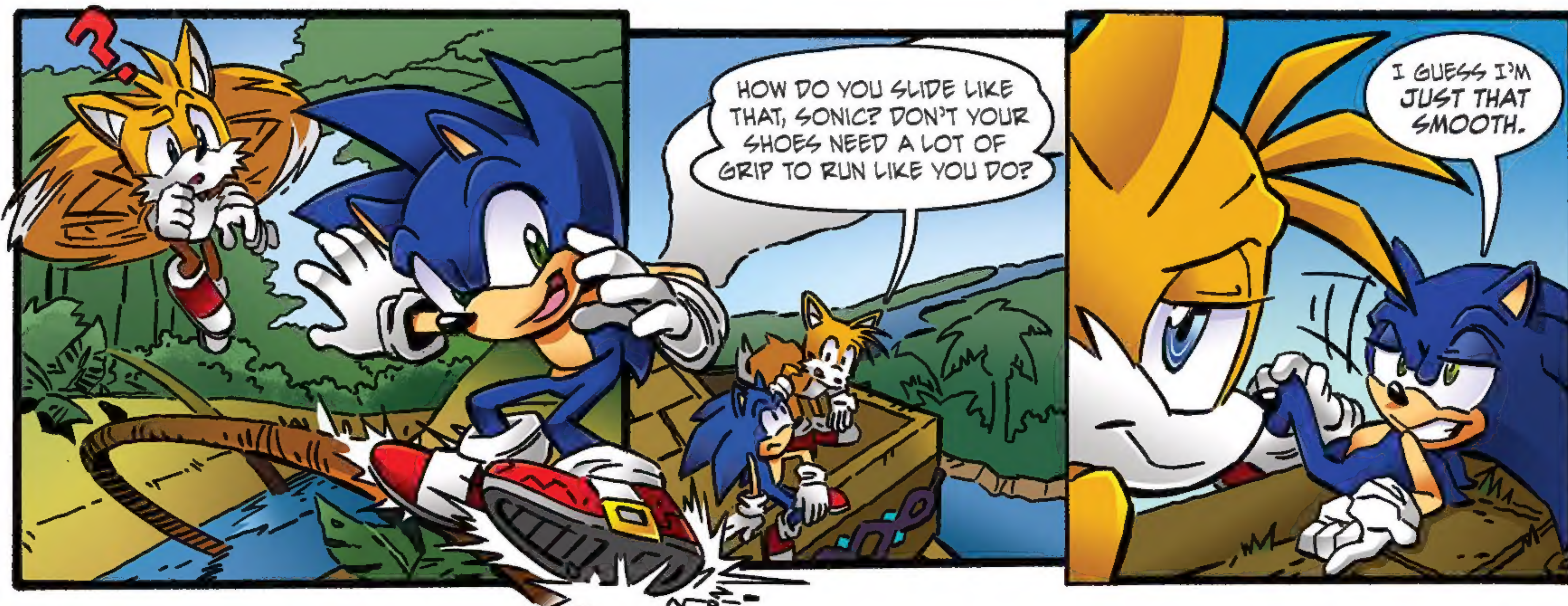
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Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

Hi there! I'd like to say that you guys are awesome and I have some questions for you!

**Helllooo! Come at me questions!**

1. I loved Worlds Collide, do you think the Blue Blur and the Blue Bomber will ever meet again?

**Nothing is impossible, only time will tell!**

2. Will Espio be returning soon?

**Espio and the rest of the Chaotix crew will be back before you know it! Keep reading Sonic the Hedgehog and Sonic Universe to find out!**

3. Pass this to Espio and tell him that he is the best ninja I know and that he is awesome!

**Damon H. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com**

**Thanks for writing in, Damon!**

**I'll make sure Espio gets your message, as soon as I find him, that chameleon camouflage always seems to get the best of me!**

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

I've been a Sonic the Hedgehog fan ever since 2005, and have collected over 100 issues, including signatures from Ben Bates and Ian Flynn. These past 8 years have been awesome, reading all the collected Sonic Universe arcs you've made, and even the Worlds Collide saga made my year. When I saw the artwork for issue 251, I was freaking out. It looked amazing!!! Unfortunately, going into high school, my parents think it's best for me to stop subscribing. But that doesn't mean I can't go on the app!! I just wanted to say thanks for all the good times, the memories, and all the true blue action Sonic brings me.

**Thomas F. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com**

**Thanks for writing in, Thomas! We're glad you've been enjoying the comics, and hope you continue reading however you can, because we have a lot more stories to tell!**

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

Since Dr. Eggman messed things up does that mean Antoine will get out of his coma? Keep juicin!

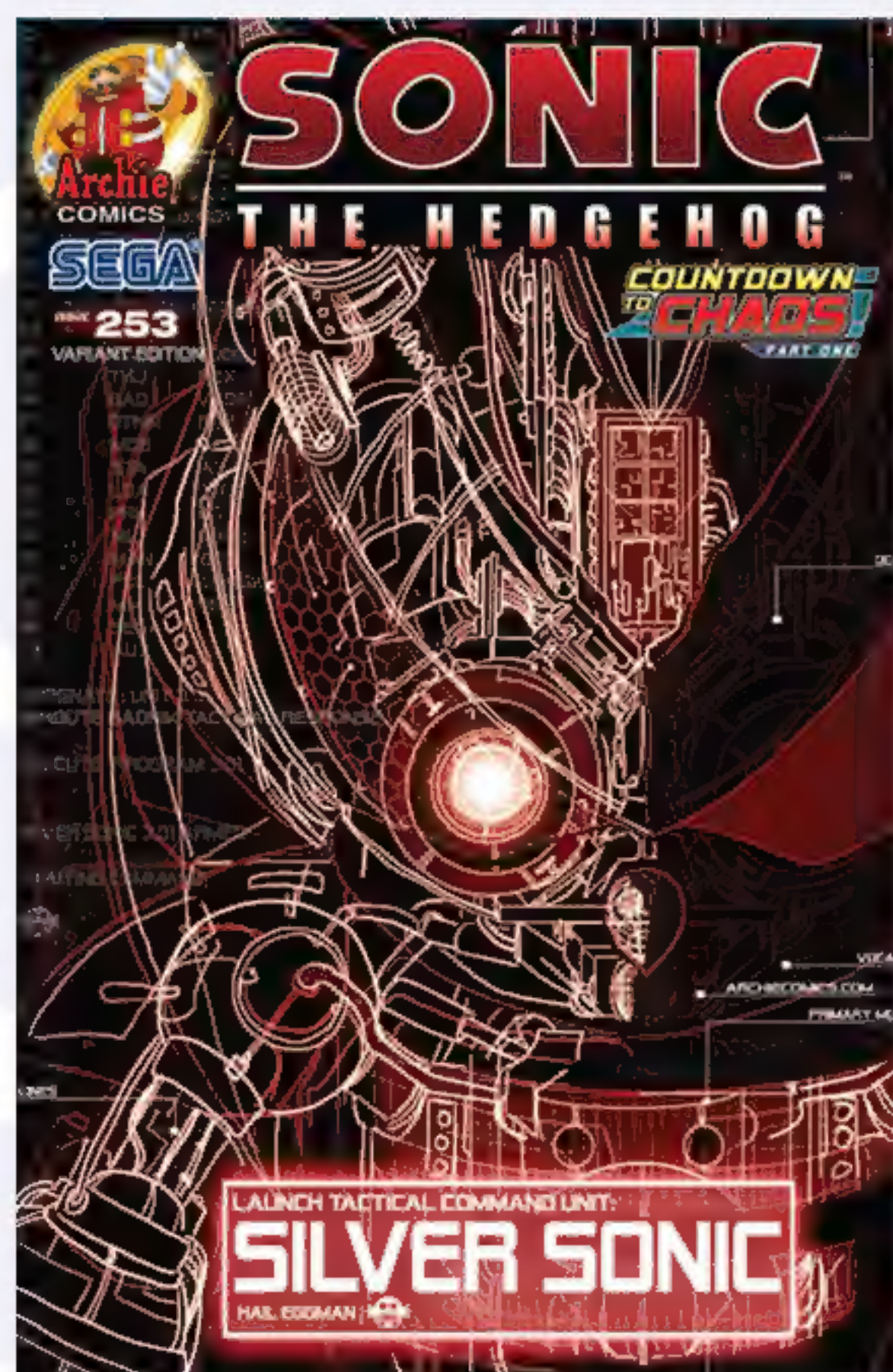
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**Thanks for the letter! The Countdown to Chaos storyline should be able to answer all your questions regarding the Freedom Fighters. Keep reading to find out!**

**See ya'll next month for part two of COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS!**

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